...THE SNAKE KING HAS JUST MADE HIS EN-TRANCE!!
ACT VI: CIRCUS
* NAKAMACHI CIRCUS
"SECOND CHAPTER"
I HAVE COME HERE TO GET YOU ONCE AND FOR ALL!
HE HE HE... PRINCESS!

I, THE SNAKE KING, SHALL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO SUCCEED!

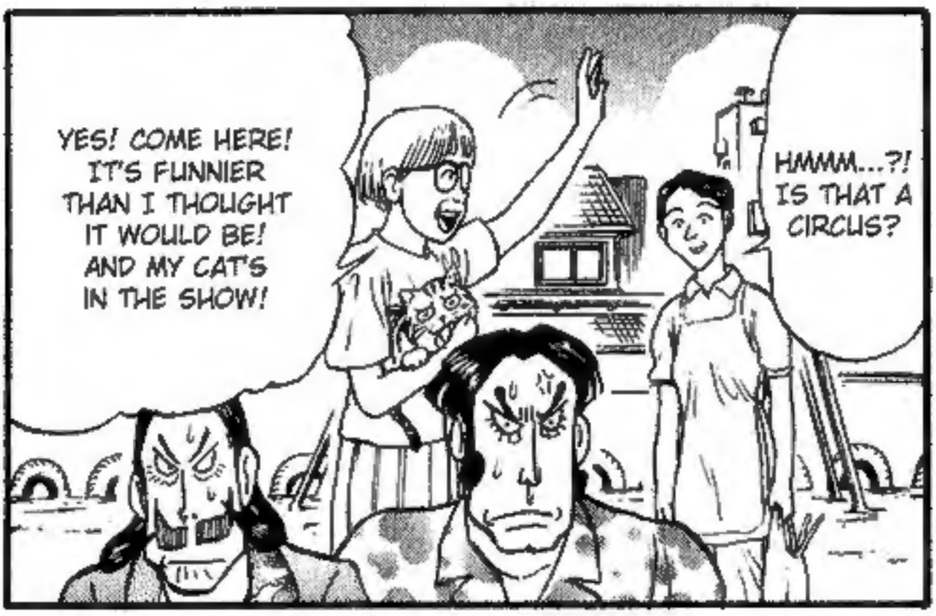
MISTER CHIMNEY SWEEP, THAT KING'S EVIL!
HE'S BEEN HARASSING ME FOR A VERY LONG TIME!

THE SNAKE KING IS SO HANDSOME !!

HEEHEE... THAT BRUNETTE'S SO HOT!

I'D LIKE TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS NEXT.
YOU THINK SO? I DON'T KNOW...
LOOKS LIKE IT'S GETTING INTEREST-ING...

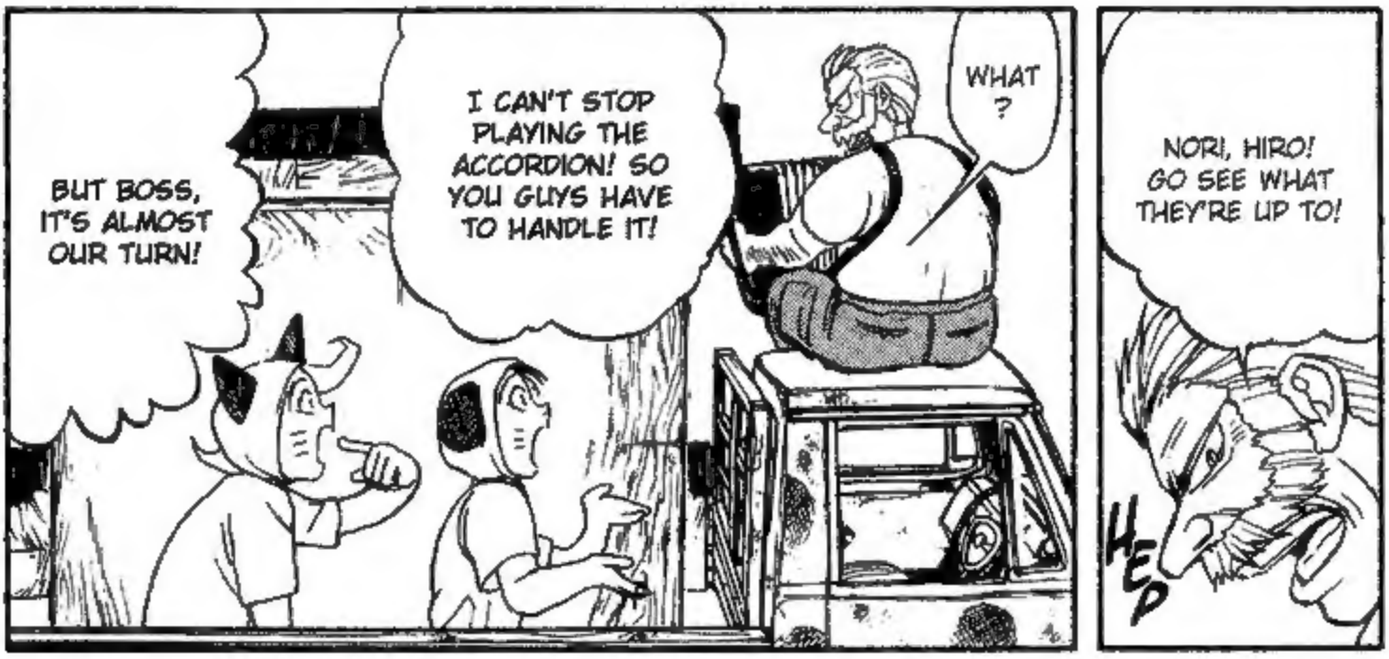
HMM!
DAD, THIS IS TERRIBLE!

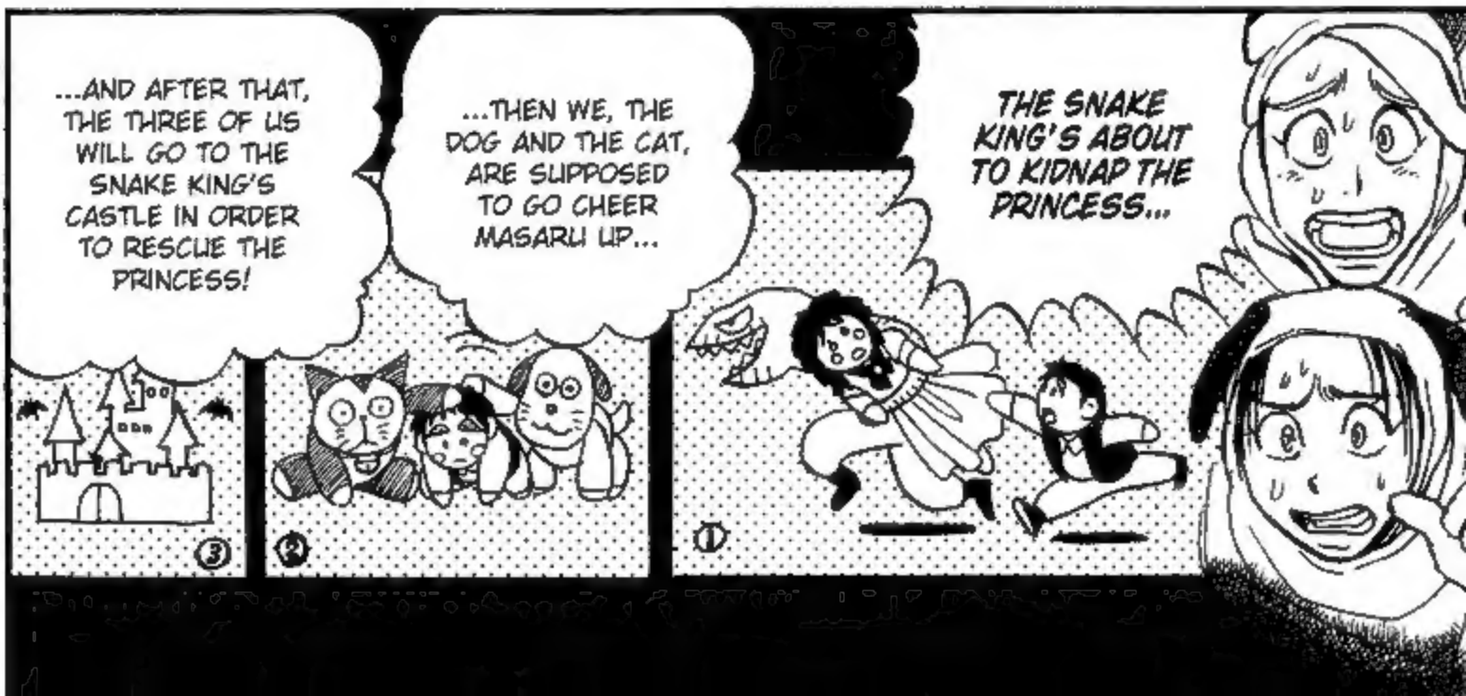

YES! COME HERE! IT'S FUNNIER THAN I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE! AND MY CAT'S IN THE SHOW!
HMMM...?! IS THAT A CIRCUS?

BUT THAT'S THE WHOLE IDEA BEHIND THE GREAT STREET SHOW MADE BY BUSKERS: PEOPLE BRINGING IN OTHER PEOPLE AND SO ON.... WE MUST PREVENT THEM FROM GATHERING A CROWD!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! THESE MERE RUMORS ARE BRINGING PEOPLE IN TO WATCH THAT CRAPPY SHOW NAKAMACHI SET UP!

...BRING SHIROGANE AND THAT YOUNG TAMER INTO OUR CIRCUS!!
ONCE WE DO, WE'LL BE ABLE TO...
WE HAVE TO DESTROY THE NAKA-MACHI CIRCUS!

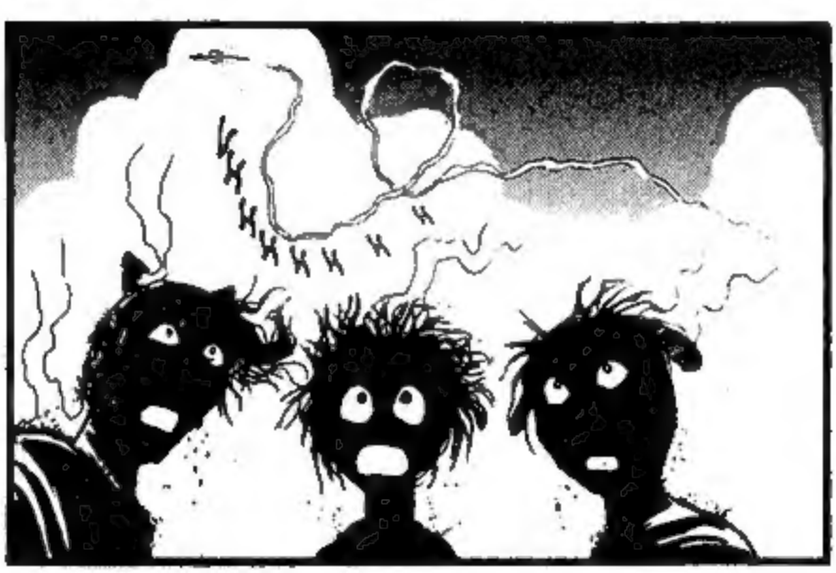
ZAAAN
WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THOSE TWO?
...THEY MUST BE PLOTTING SOME-THING!
ZAA ZANN
ZAZON
HOP
HOP


BUT BOSS, IT'S ALMOST OUR TURN!
I CAN'T STOP PLAYING THE ACCORDION! SO YOU GUYS HAVE TO HANDLE IT!
WHAT ?
NORI, HIRO! GO SEE WHAT THEY'RE UP TO!
HED

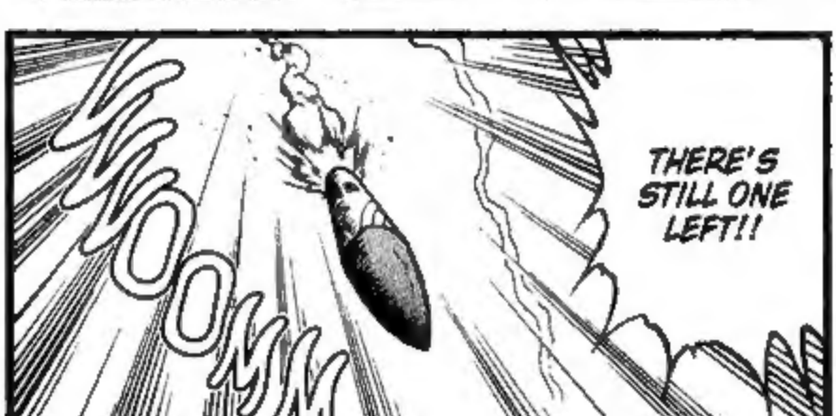

...AND AFTER THAT, THE THREE OF US WILL GO TO THE SNAKE KING'S CASTLE IN ORDER TO RESCUE THE PRINCESS!
...THEN WE, THE DOG AND THE CAT, ARE SUPPOSED TO GO CHEER MASARU UP...
THE SNAKE KING'S ABOUT TO KIDNAP THE PRINCESS...
3
2
1

HOP
HMM...
BESIDES, WITH THESE COSTUMES, WE WON'T BE ABOUT TO SNEAK AROUND DISCREETLY!
THEY WOULDN'T ...
FIRECRACKERS!
BE CAREFUL NOT TO AIM AT THE AUDIENCE, NAOTA!
PSCHH...
ONCE WE SET OFF THESE LITTLE THINGS, THE NAKAMACHI ADVENTURES WILL BE OVER!
OH, NO!!
FIRE IN THE HOLE!
AHAHAH

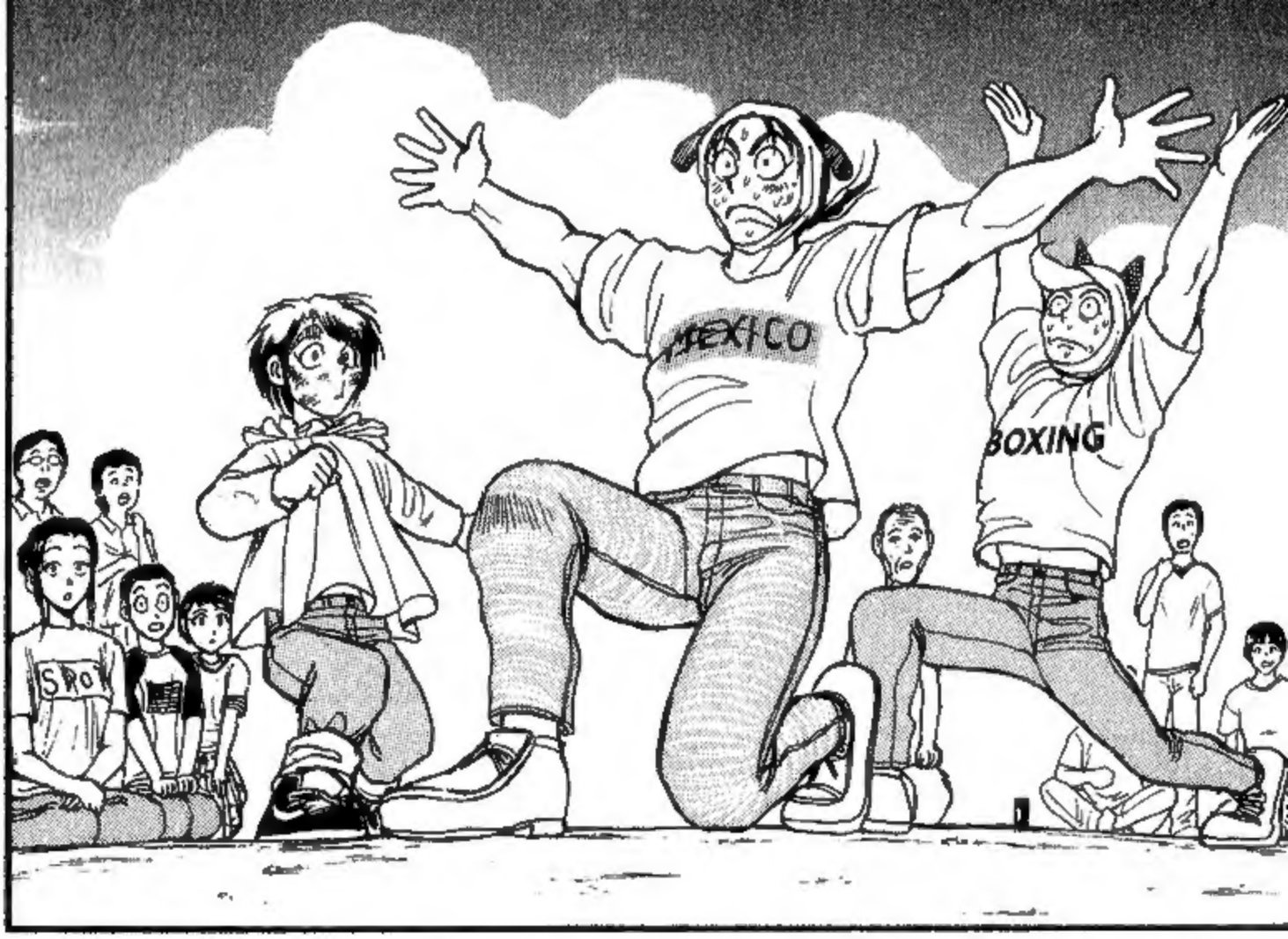
DA-DAAN



PA PA PA
PA
PAAH


WOOM
THERE'S STILL ONE LEFT!!

ZZOOM
YAAAAA!!
LET'S DO THIS!
HIRO!
DAN
WHOOPS!
DON'T EVER TRY TO DO THIS, KIDS! (NORI)
SPAAFF!!
BOI TON


MEXICO
BOXING

... NOW ...
WHAT SHALL WE DO? NOTHING MAKES SENSE ANY-MORE...
HIRO AND NORI SHOULDN'T BE HERE... THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO COME IN LATER ...

... EHH ?!

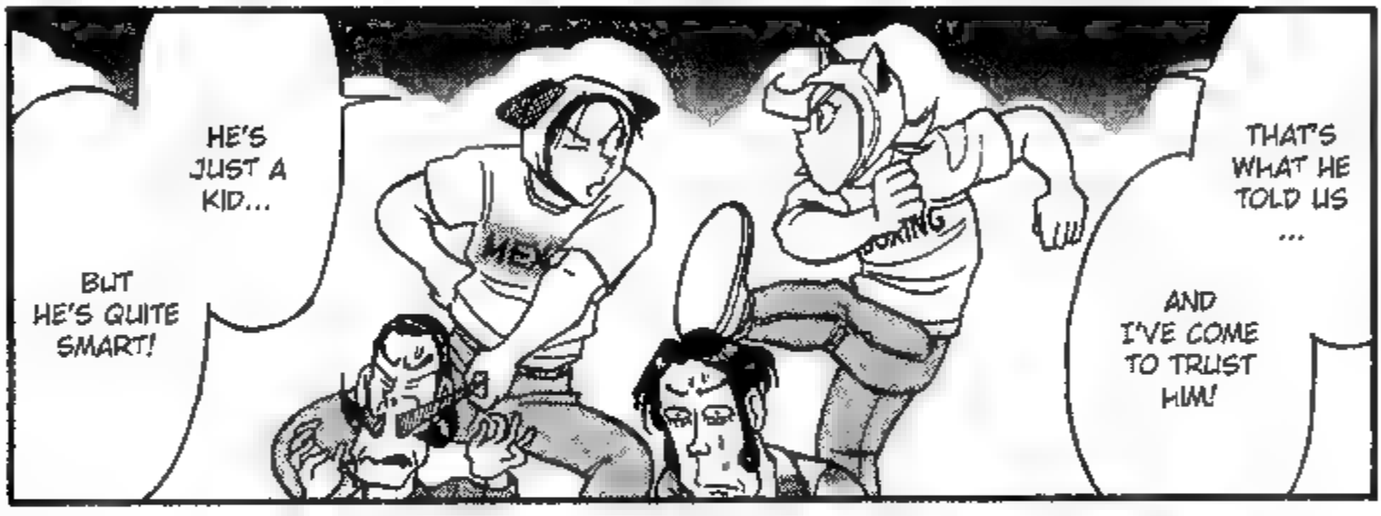
HEY, YOU! YOU'RE THE SNAKE KING'S HENCHMEN!
YOU JUST TRIED TO MAKE ME DISAPPEAR WITH THOSE MAGICAL WEAPONS, DIDN'T YOU?!
ZANN
WHAT?!
BUT YOU'VE FAILED!
DAH
DAH
DAH
MEXICO
BOXING
YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT THE CAT AND THE DOG ARE MY BEST FRIENDS AND THE PRINCESS VISITS THEM EVERY DAY! THEY SWORE THEY WOULD PROTECT ME, TOO!
SO, BACK OFF!

YOU MANAGED TO CHANGE THE SITUATION TO OUR ADVANTAGE!
GOOD JOB, MASARU!
DOH
DAMN IT...
DAD... THEY'RE USING US...
TO ACHIEVE THEIR PERFOR-MANCE...
LET'S ENLARGE THE PERFOR-MANCE RING A LITTLE BIT!
YIPPEE!
MEOW!
WOOF!
GOOD DOG, NICE CAT!
CATCH THOSE BAD GUYS!
DAAH
BOXING

HE HE!
HA HA HA!
YEP! HOW LAME!
DID YOU SEE HOW THOSE TWO IDIOTS WERE RUNNING?!
THE STORY'S COOL.
IT'S TRUE, THEY ARE REALLY FUNNY.
HA HA HA!
THEY GOT THEM!
BRAVO !
HA HA HA!
THANK YOU, MASARU! YOU SAVED US!
...HE DIDN'T PANIC AT ALL DURING THE INCIDENT!
EVEN THOUGH HE ISN'T FAMILIAR WITH CIRCUS PERFORMANCES ...
...REACTED FASTER THAN ANY OF US!
EVERYBODY WAS SHOCKED, BUT MASTER MASARU...

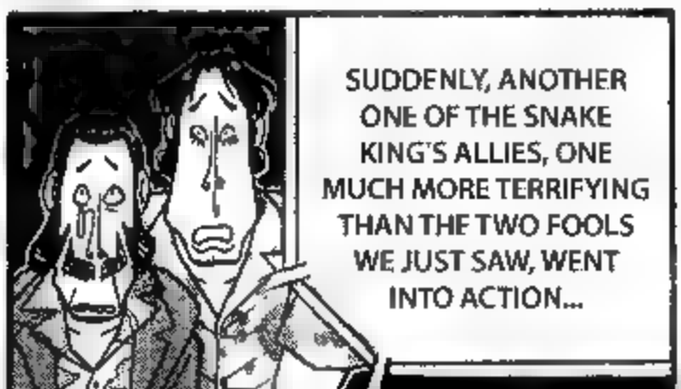
WHY WOULD YOU WANT US TO MAKE THAT "PUPPET SHOW"?
...STOP THAT NONSENSE, MASARU!
MEXICO
BASTARDS!
BESIDES, I'VE ALREADY SEEN STORY-TELLING PERFORMANCES THAT HELP MAKE A TRANSITION BETWEEN NUMBERS, BUT I COULD NEVER GET USED TO IT!
WE'RE ARTISTS WITH DIFFERENT TALENTS!
...PEOPLE WILL BE HAPPY? AND ALL THE CHILDREN WILL STAY UNTIL THE END?... IS THAT WHAT YOU THINK?
SO, WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS THAT IF WE MAKE IT FUNNY...
MAYBE... BUT WE DON'T HAVE A MARQUEE, SO THE SPECTATORS CAN LEAVE WHENEVER THEY FEEL LIKE IT...
WE HAVE TO MAKE EVERYTHING SO THAT WE CAN KEEP THEIR ATTENTION UNTIL THE VERY END.
MOREOVER, WE'LL PERFORM IN A PARK, SO THERE'LL PROBABLY BE LOTS OF CHILDREN...

I CAN GUARANTEE IT!
YES!
I KNOW WE CAN DO IT!


HE'S JUST A KID...
BUT HE'S QUITE SMART!
THAT'S WHAT HE TOLD US ...
AND I'VE COME TO TRUST HIM!

AH .. YES!
SHIROGANE... I THINK WE CAN CONTINUE NOW...

REALLY STRONG!
THAT MASARU IS...


SUDDENLY, ANOTHER ONE OF THE SNAKE KING'S ALLIES, ONE MUCH MORE TERRIFYING THAN THE TWO FOOLS WE JUST SAW, WENT INTO ACTION...

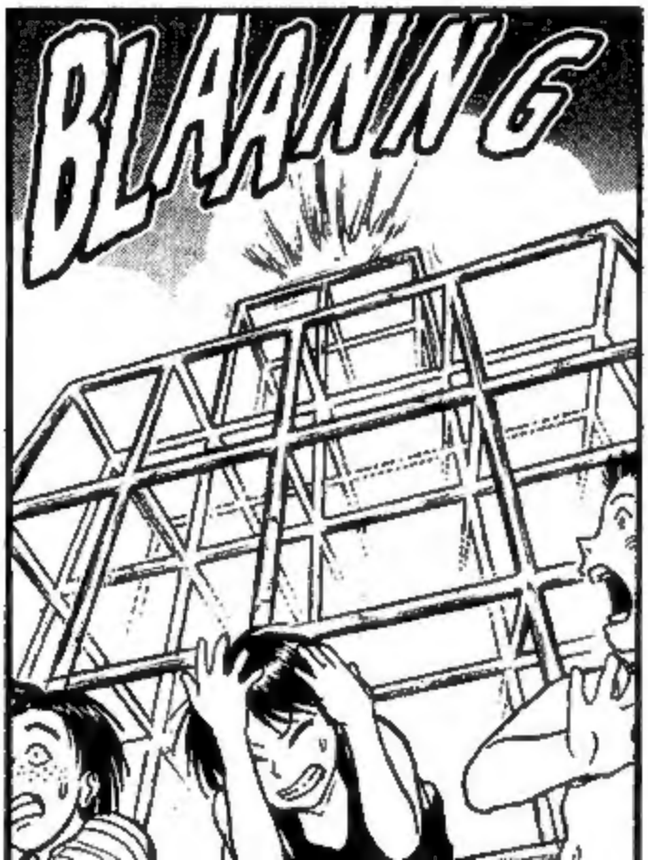
CLIC
CLIC
CLIC
CLIC
CLIC
YES!
BIG BRO!
WHAT'S THAT NOISE?
HMM?
SPOT
DOOH
THAT'S ARLEQUIN!
...WHAT'S THAT THING?!
WO .. ONWW!

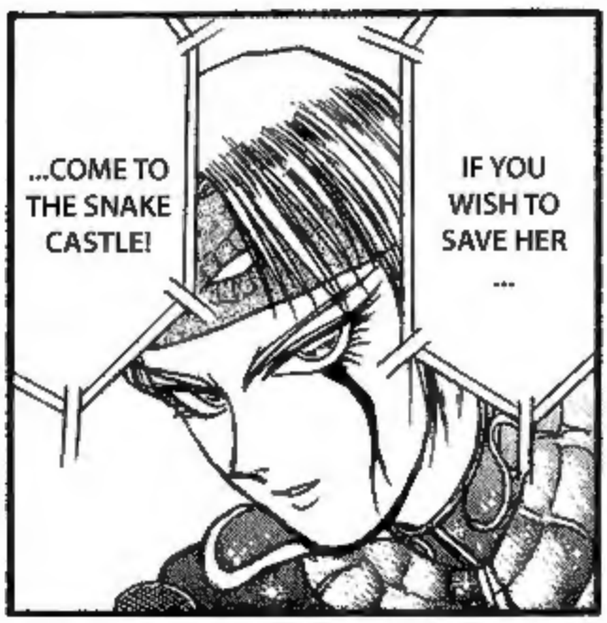
TAN
VOOMM

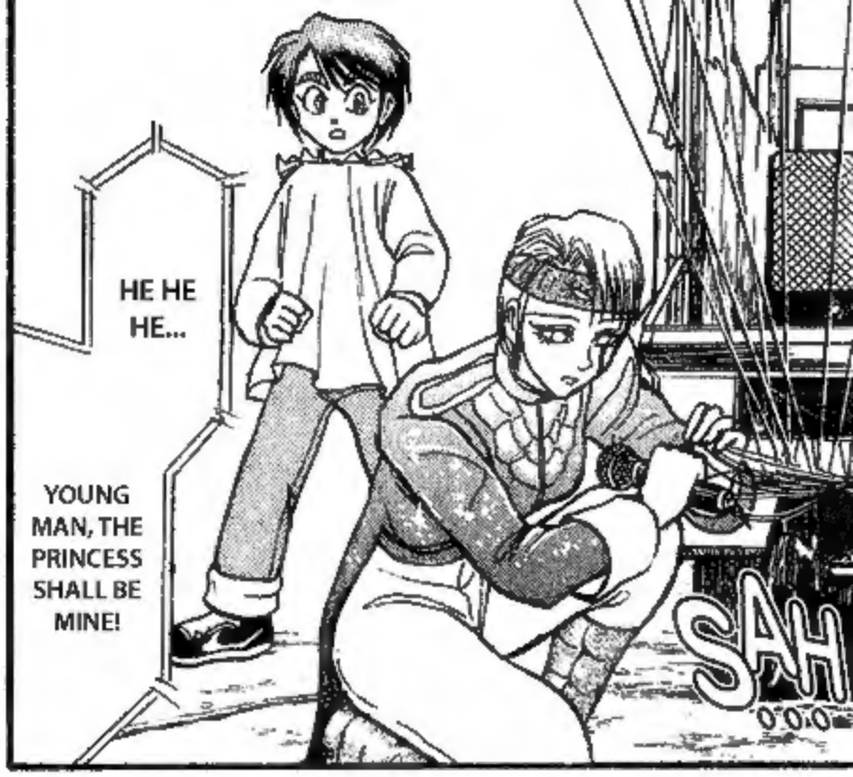
...MASARU! UMM, SORRY... MISTER CHIMNEY SWEEP!!

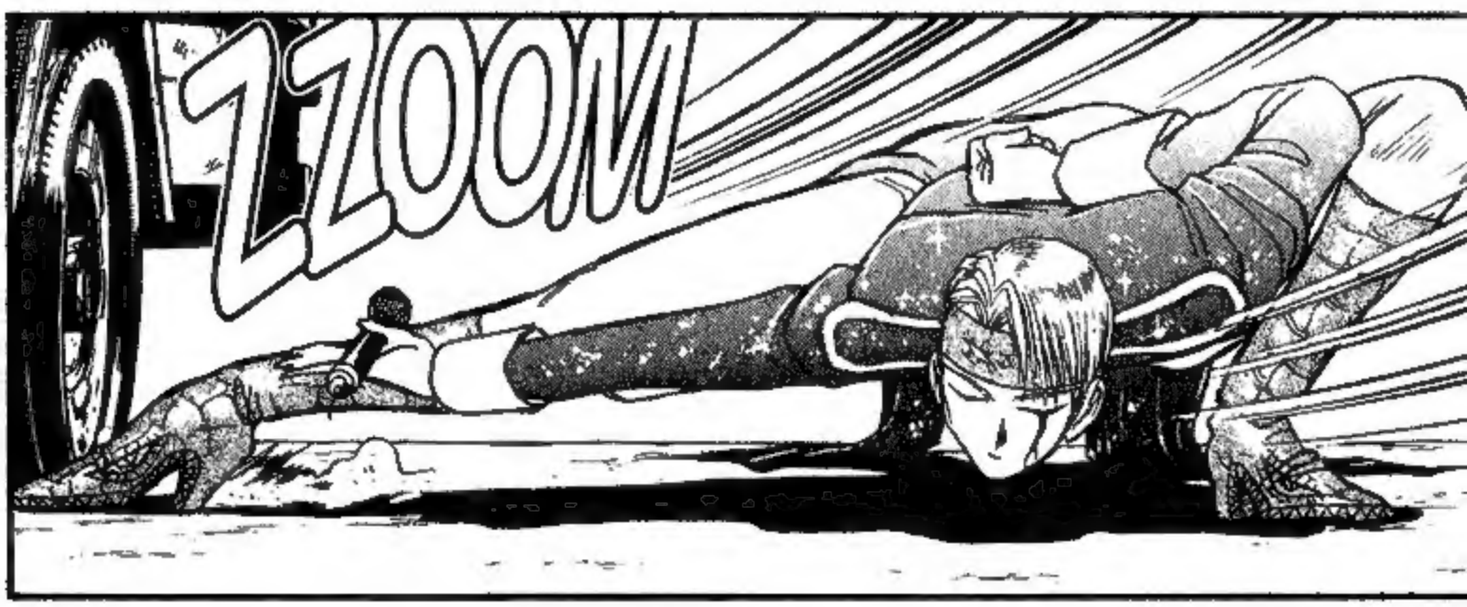
PRINCESS!... NOOO!!

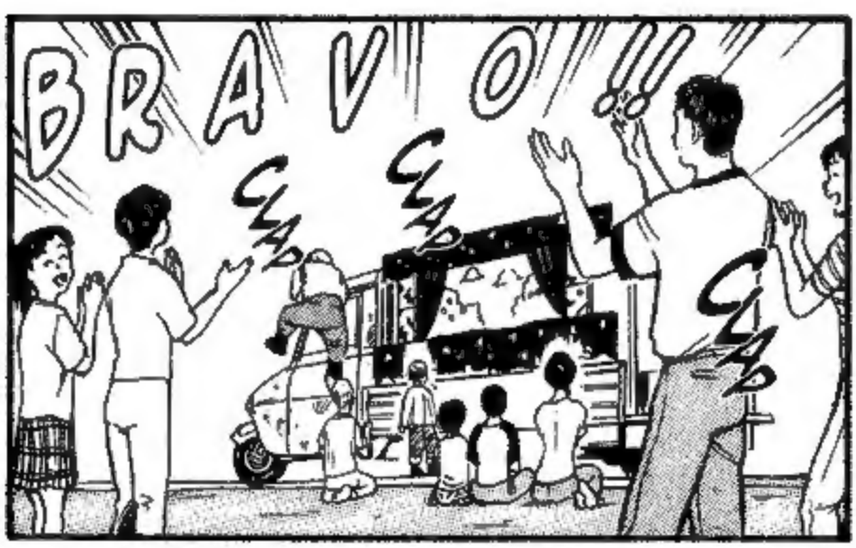
VLOOF


BLAANNG


...COME TO THE SNAKE CASTLE!
IF YOU WISH TO SAVE HER ...

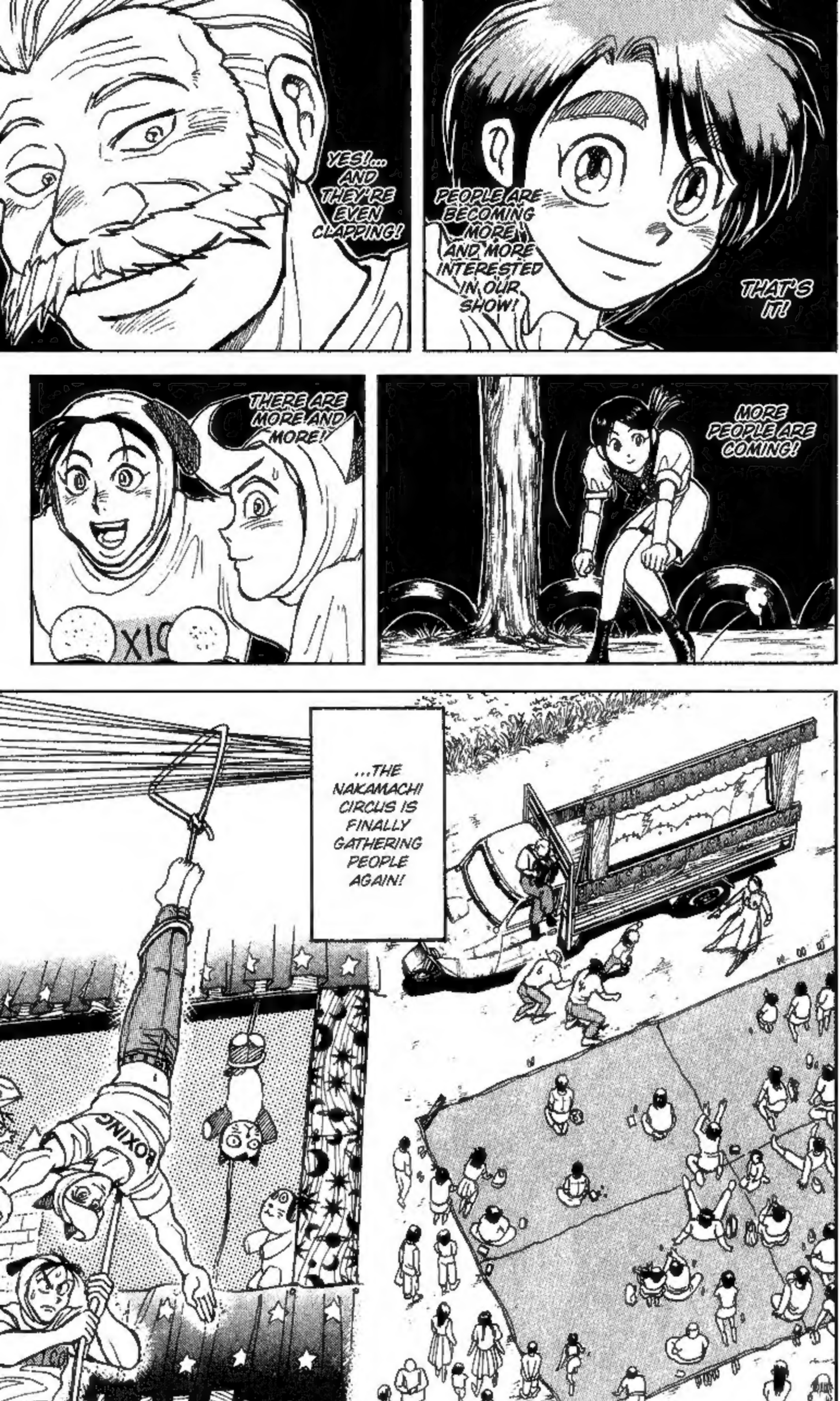

HE HE HE...
YOUNG MAN, THE PRINCESS SHALL BE MINE!
SAH


ZZOOM


BRAVO!!
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP

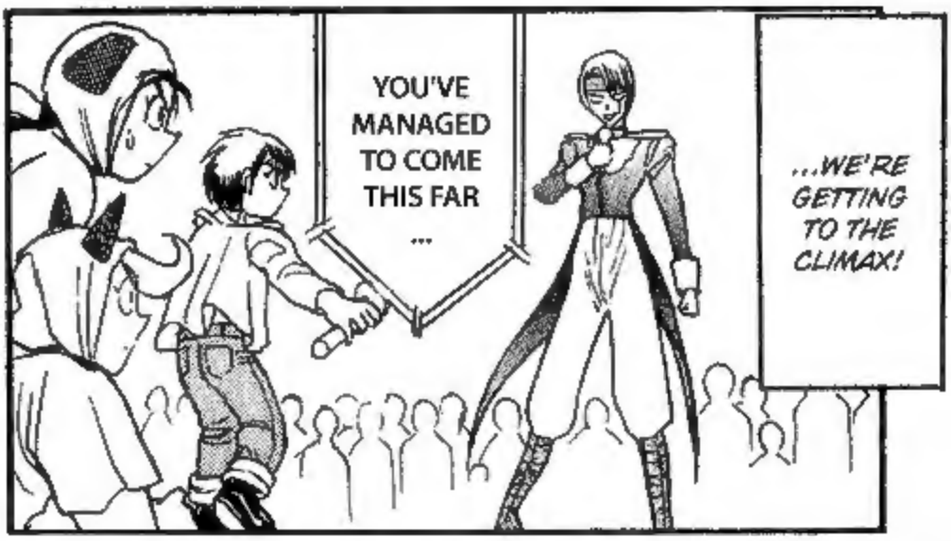
YES!
THAT WAS FUNNY!

HOP


YES!... AND THEY'RE EVEN CLAPPING!
PEOPLE ARE BECOMING MORE AND MORE INTERESTED IN OUR SHOW!
THAT'S IT!
THERE ARE MORE AND MORE!!
MORE PEOPLE ARE COMING!
...THE NAKAMACHI CIRCUS IS FINALLY GATHERING PEOPLE AGAIN!
BOXING

AND NOW...
...OUR STORY CONTINUES IN THE SNAKE KING'S CASTLE...

!
... BUT I...


YOU'VE MANAGED TO COME THIS FAR ...
...WE'RE GETTING TO THE CLIMAX!

WHAAAT?!
NO WAY! THEY TOOK OUR SPEAKERS!
HMM?!
MEXICO